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In re Application of BETZ et al

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CONCENTRATION OF HUMAN GROWTH

HORMONE ...

COMMUNICATION

This is in response to the correspondence filed 17 August 2006, including a declaration executed by Michael Betz.

The response is a proper reply to the decision mailed 28 February 2006.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of <u>08 July 2003</u> and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of <u>17 August 2006</u>.

The application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for processing in accordance with this communication.

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